MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It is true Sir, that these amounts are collected as cooly charges. But the coolies are paid only a fixed rate. Because of the heavy export through Arukutty the figures have gone up this year and the matter is also being brought to the notice of Government.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know Sir, whether these coolies were given any increment for the last one or two years?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, contingent coolies are not given any increment.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: My point was that because government can save so much amount from the sums realised by way of charges, the coolies should be given more, especially because of the increase in the cost of materials they have to buy.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: That is a matter which Government could consider later on, if necessary.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Were the coolies at any time paid less than the fixed amount?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: No Sir. That is why there is a fixed amount.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: കസ്റ്റംസിലെ ആദായം കൂടുതൽ വരുത്തുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: ആദായം കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടുന്നെങ്കിലും ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

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349. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is provision in the current year's budget for the acquisition of land required for the Government English High School, Chengannur;

(*b*) the progress so far made towards the acquisition of the said land; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, the reason for the delay?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The acquisition has been sanctioned and the land will be taken possession of as soon as funds become available early in 1118.

(*c*) In view of answer to (*b*) the question does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the date of the order sanctioning the acquisition of land required for the Government English High School, Chengannur?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: It was in December 1941.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then may I know what the delay is due to?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The delay is due to the fact that provision had to be made in the next year's budget for the money to be paid.

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